

FAITH 
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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

January 15, 2023



Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

John 6:68

God Calls Us

The Lord summons his people to worship and we respond in obedience.

The Lord's call is a call to action. We gather, praise, adore, give thanks, etc.

The Call to Worship is a joyful summons and a clear reminder that worship is our coming into God's presence by his command, and not our command that He come into our presence.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP: *Psalm 146*

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

All: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Leader: The LORD he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

All: Blessed is he whose hope is in the LORD his God.

Leader: The Lord who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

All: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

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***TO GOD BE THE GLORY**

To God be the glory great things He has done
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life gate that all may go in

(Chorus)

Praise the Lord praise the Lord

Let the earth hear His voice

Praise the Lord praise the Lord

Let the people rejoice

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son

And give Him the glory great things He has done

O perfect redemption the purchase of blood
To every believer the promise of God
The vilest offender who truly believes
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives

(Chorus)

Great things He has taught us

Great things He has done

And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son

But purer and higher and greater will be

Our wonder our transport when Jesus we see

(Chorus)

**God
Cleanses Us**
The Biblical
response to
God's call to be
in his presence
is confessing our
sins. We humble
ourselves when
we approach our
God. This is a
corporate prayer
of all God's peo-
ple. It is a great
privilege of the
gospel that we
can stand forgiv-
en before the
Lord of glory.

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH**

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand

(Chorus)

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal, O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess, Christ our hope in life and death*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

(Chorus)

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore

(Chorus 2x)

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Revelation 21:8*

But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.

TRISAGION

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One;
Have mercy, mercy, mercy upon us.
(Repeat all)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Ezekiel 11:19-21*

And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in my statutes and keep my rules and obey them. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God. But as for those whose heart goes after their detestable things and their abominations, I will bring their deeds upon their own heads, declares the Lord GOD.

***GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME**

God, be merciful to me; on Thy grace I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess; grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against Thy grace, and provoked Thee to Thy face.
I confess Thy judgment just; speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

Broken, humbled to the dust, by Thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice, and in gladness hear Thy voice;
From my sins O hide Thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from Thee, let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me, and return O God to Thee.
Savior all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing Thy love;
Touch my silent lips O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

*Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.
Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church (downstairs Corner Classroom)*

Offering

We give back to
God a portion
of what he has
given us to use
to declare that
he is Lord of all.
(This is part of
our service as a
church family,
and visitors
should not feel
obligated to
participate.)

LORD FROM SORROWS DEEP I CALL

Lord from sorrows deep I call
When my hope is shaken
Torn and ruined from the fall
Hear my desperation
For so long I've pled and prayed
God come to my rescue
Even so the thorn remains
Still my heart will praise You

Storms within my troubled soul
Questions without answers
On my faith these billows roll
God be now my shelter
Why are you cast down my soul
Hope in Him who saves you
When the fires have all grown cold
Cause this heart to praise You

Should my life be torn from me
Every worldly pleasure
When all I possess is grief
God be then my treasure
Be my vision in the night
Be my hope and refuge
'Til my faith is turned to sight
Lord my heart will praise You

*Oh my soul put your hope in God
My help my rock I will praise Him
Sing oh sing through the raging storm
You're still my God my salvation*

Sermon Series: Life Sunday

Pastor John Sackett

Breath of Life

II Corinthians 4:16-18

¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸ as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

Revelation 21:5

And He who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new. ...Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Sermon Outline

Because Christ makes all things new, we must trust Him with Life.

I. Brought to Life

II. New Life

III. Fullness of Life

Questions for Further Reflection:

1. How can the Genesis account of God breathing life into man give us hope and confidence in life?
2. Throughout Scripture one sees the devastating effects of sin leading to death. How can we be reminded, even in the face of death, of God's goodness?
3. God is not only the author of life, He is also a restorer of life. Nancy Guthrie writes, "If you have been joined to Christ by faith, the process of your being remade into the image of the resurrected Christ has already begun....the new is breaking into the now." How can that truth give us courage in desperate times?
4. John records Jesus as declaring "I am... the bread of life... the living bread...the Resurrection & the Life" as well as "the Way, the Truth and the Life." What ought we to learn from these bold claims?
5. God declares "I am making all things new (Rev 21:5). What does He need to remake in your life? What is keeping you from asking for that renewal?

Children's Question

When you look into the face of a happy baby, doesn't that fill you with joy? A small little person who trusts completely in others (she has no choice), and all her needs are provided. How can you learn to trust God like that again with your life?

God Consecrates Us
Consecrate means to make holy, to set apart. The Word of God does that for the lives of believers. Through the sermon, confessions of faith, and the offering we are sanctified for service to our Lord to joyfully offer up our lives to him.

**God Communes
with Us**

The Lord strengthens and nourishes our faith through a sacramental meal. Through Jesus, communion with God has been reestablished. The covenant has been renewed. The Lord's Supper is the gospel made visible for us and we share in it as the full community of God's people.

***BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE**

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,
a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on his hands, My name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heav'n he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see him there who made an end of all my sin.

Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the Just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness;
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!

*One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,
with Christ, my Savior and my God.*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.
(see FCC observance below)*

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

8:15 Elder Sean Iddings— 11 Elder Tim Anderson

We observe the Lord's Supper each Lord's Day as the climax of our worship service. We invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and His body—the Church. Visiting children who have not been examined by their church's leadership, we ask to refrain. By sharing in the Supper, you are acknowledging to our church that you are in covenant with our Triune God through the person and work of Jesus Christ. If you are in doubt about your participation, please refrain. Wine and bread are the elements of the supper as instituted by Jesus Christ. We recommend the use of wine; however we offer both juice and wine in the tray to allow true liberty of conscience.

***WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION**

(Chorus)

*We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire, He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld protected gathered up
(Chorus)

In the dark of night before the dawn, my soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength
(Chorus)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom
(Chorus 2x)

***BENEDICTION**

If you are in need of personal prayer, an elder is available up front after the service.

**God
Commissions
Us**

Having been richly blessed by the Lord in our worship, we are sent forth as his ambassadors of reconciliation into the world. Our worship of God as his people now extends into our lives throughout the week. We are to offer ourselves as living sacrifices to him in all areas of our lives.

Leaders & Staff

Senior Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D. — Associate Pastor John Sackett

Assistant Pastor (Youth): Ben Melli Music Director/Assistant: Lisa Iddings/Laura Sackett

Refuge Director: Sissy Hashley Staff: Hanni Hanson, Carlynn Stahlberg, Kelly Brown, Jenny Mattern

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Matt Riley, Micah Tinkham*

*Deacons: Wade Carroll, Terry Falk, Kyle Hanson, Micah Hill, Ryan Petersen,
Mike Stahlberg, Bruce Tulloch*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Hope Pregnancy Ministries

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Jamie and Alissa Shattenberg, serving in Madagascar

WINTER WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES: Begin THIS Wednesday, Jan. 18, with studies on *Even Better Than Eden* by Nancy Guthrie at 9:30 a.m. (childcare helpers still needed!) and 4:30 p.m. at the church and at 12:45 p.m. at Gloria Johnson's (see sign-ups for details). Sign up and pick up books in the foyer. Payment for the books (\$10 each) will be collected at each study. More study materials will be provided on the first day of class. Contact Kristin Bay (406-249-2411) with questions.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Will be Wednesday, Jan. 25. A 6:00 p.m. soup supper will precede the 7:00 p.m. meeting. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer if you're able to bring soup, bread, or dessert to share. The annual report and 2023 budget is available in the foyer: please take one per family. If you have questions about the budget, please contact Tom Jentz, our treasurer, prior to the meeting.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Many hands make light work and a few more hands would help contribute here at Faith Covenant. Consider helping with the coffee hour, ushering, nursery, communion preparation, or children's church and sign up in the foyer. If you are already on a volunteer schedule, no need to sign up again.

YOUTH GROUP WINTER CAMP: Will be held at Dickey Lake Bible Camp Feb. 17-19. Cost is \$70/student. Scholarships are available, so please don't let cost be a factor in not going. Contact Ben Melli if you are in need of financial assistance for this event.

BIBLE READING PLANS: If your New Year's resolutions included more Bible reading, there are three different plans printed out in the Fellowship hall (south side table) to help you get started.

SERVING: January Deacon - Mike Stahlberg

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Stahlbergs/Heyboers
Children's Church: T&T Jentz/Sharon Salyer
Nursery: Fishers
Fellowship Hosts: Sue Richardson & Kristin Bay
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Eileen Pierson/Jessica Brown

Next Sunday January 22

Ushers: Stahlbergs/Heyboers
Children's Church: T&T Jentz/Sharon Salyer
Nursery: Hunters
Fellowship Hosts: Laura Pierson & Traci Carroll
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carolyn Duncan/Niam Moody

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Sunday Worship Services

8:15 & 11 am

Sunday School

10am

Vespers

2nd Sunday @ 6:30 pm

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

Wednesdays

Men's Breakfast 6:30 am

Jr High Youth @ 5 pm

Sr. High Youth @ 6:30 pm

Career Group 7 pm

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